

Applicants request amendment of the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system, comprising

(a) a plurality of color components each independently comprising at least one pigment dispersed by a polymeric material, and

(b) a pigment-free component containing an hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer that has a number average molecular weight of at least about 6000 and is polymerized using at least about 45% by weight of a cycloaliphatic monomer, based on the total weight of monomers polymerized the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer,

wherein the color components are related such that a refinish basecoat composition of any desired color can be produced by combining the intermix system components.

19. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, wherein the intermix system comprises at least about 30 color components.

20. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, further comprising a component containing a crosslinker reactive with the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer.

21. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, wherein at least one color component comprises a polymeric material comprising the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer.

22. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, comprising a color component comprising a carbon black pigment dispersed by at least the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer.

23. (Original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 22, wherein the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer dispersing the carbon black pigment has amine functionality.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of refinishing a substrate, comprising steps of:

(a) applying to a desired area of the substrate a layer of a refinish basecoat composition comprising [at least one pigment and an hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer, wherein the acrylic polymer has a number average molecular weight of at least about 6000 and is polymerized using at least about 45% by weight of a cycloaliphatic monomer, based on the total weight of monomers polymerized] the intermix system of claim 18;

(b) allowing the applied layer of basecoat composition to dry for up to about twenty minutes; and

(c) applying over the layer of basecoat composition a clearcoat composition.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein the clearcoat composition is thermosetting.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein the clearcoat composition comprises at least one material reactive with the acrylic polymer of the layer of basecoat composition.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 26, wherein the material reactive with the acrylic polymer of the layer of basecoat composition comprises the isocyanurate of hexamethylene diisocyanate.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein the basecoat composition is dry to handle at about five minutes after application.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein the substrate is an automotive vehicle or a component of an automotive vehicle.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 24, wherein the refinish basecoat intermix composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic

polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by up to 20 minutes after application.

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31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 24, wherein the refinish basecoat intermix composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by 10 minutes after application.

32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 24, wherein the refinish basecoat intermix composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by 5 minutes after application.